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1. Population Figures

50X1 [REDACTED] no idea of the population of Makhachkala, N42-58, E 47-27.
He saw no signs which might have indicated the city's population and
had never seen or heard of any population figures. [REDACTED]

50X1 [REDACTED] did not even know the population of the USSR [REDACTED]
50X1 [REDACTED]

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2. Density of Population

50X1 [REDACTED] unable to give the density of population in Makhachkala
by sections.

3. Ethnic, Class and Religious Statistics

a. Ethnic

50X1 As far [REDACTED] could estimate, the major part of the city's
population consisted of Likhiny and Adzhartsy, two groups which
50X1 are indigenous to Dagestan. The minority were largely Russians
and Azerbaidzhanians. [REDACTED] not give a breakdown by
number or percentage.

b. Class

50X1 [REDACTED] a small portion of the population who were doctors,
lawyers, engineers or belonged to other professions as "intelli-
gentsia." The remainder, port employees, oil workers and farmers,
fell into the category of "workers." He could not give a break-
down of the population by occupation.

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c. Religious

50X1 The predominating religious group was Moslem. A small part of the population belonged to the Russian Orthodox faith. [] not give any estimates on the number of people belonging to the various religions nor could he mention any religions other than the two given above.

4. Density of Built-up Areas

50X1 [] no knowledge of the density of built-up areas in Makhachkala.

5. Neighborhood Differentiation

There were no postal sub-divisions or other methods of neighborhood differentiation which were known []. However, he heard that the city was sub-divided into police precincts. (See answer to question 32 below.)

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6. Street Categories and Condition, Normal Traffic

No highways passed through Makhachkala. The center of the city had several first class asphalt roads, the outlying districts had improved dirt roads, and the further outlying districts had unimproved dirt roads. Roads in the city were kept in good repair. No heavy traffic or horse traffic was permitted in the center of the city. The normal flow of traffic consisted of light vehicles, autos, motorcycles and bicycles, plus about an equal number of heavier vehicles such as trucks. [] give no traffic figures.

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7. Street Names, Markings and Numbering Systems

a. Names

The two main thoroughfares in Makhachkala were Buynakskaya and 26 Bakinskikh streets. [] not know the origin of the name of the former; the latter was named after a group of 26 revolutionists. Other streets in the city were named after people, places or incidents having political significance.

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b. Markings

All streets were clearly marked with signs that were attached either to poles or to houses. No further details.

c. Numbering Systems

50X1 Although a house-numbering system was in existence in Makhachkala, [] not recall a point of origin for the numbers. He did not remember whether certain areas of the city had a high or a low numbering system.

8. Construction Features By Street Category

50X1 [] able to furnish a vague description of the first class roads in Makhachkala. These roads, which were all situated in the central part of the city, had an asphalt surface and were about nine meters wide. He recalled seeing gutters covered with wire mesh along the sides of the roads. Curbs were about eight centimeters high at the point where they established the level of the sidewalks. Sidewalks were of concrete and had a width of about two meters.

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A drainage system existed in the center of the city. [] 50X1
 could supply no data on its make-up and operation. Electric
 lights were suspended from cables stretched across the streets.
 There was a light at every corner.

9. Street Clearance, Congestion, Traffic Control

50X1 No overhead bridges existed in the Makhachkala road network.
 [] knew of no congestion points or bottlenecks in the network.
 Traffic was controlled by a traffic officer or by means of traffic
 signals.

10. Institutions and Government Buildings

50X1 [] knew of no institutions or government buildings in Makhach-
 kala.

11. Railroad Offices

50X1 The location of railroad offices in Makhachkala was not known [] 50X1
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12. Collection Method of Water Supply

50X1 [] could not furnish information on the way water was collected
 for distribution.

13. Distribution of Water Supply

In the center of Makhachkala homes had plumbing. [] not 50X1
 know to what point the pipes were connected or from where the water
 originated. On the outskirts, all water was obtained from hydrants
 that were located on every street. There was no charge for hydrant
 water and no limit on its use.

14. Maintenance of Water Supply Installations

In case of emergency or necessity of repair, a municipal water
 maintenance team would be available for service. No further details.

15. Sewage Collection and Disposal

A sewage system existed in the city, [] could give no 50X1
 information on it.

16-18. Storm Water Drainage, Industrial Wastes, and Garbage Disposal

50X1 [] no data on storm water drainage, industrial wastes or
 garbage disposal.

19. Rodent Control

A municipal disinfection team was available for the extermination
 of such insects as fleas, gnats, and bed-bugs. Rodent control
 teams were employed throughout the city, planting poisoned food
 in places that were likely to be infested with rats.

50X1 20. Electrical Current Characteristics

[] could give no information on electrical currents other than
 the fact that both 110 v. and 220 v. were used in various parts of the
 city. He knew of no definite electrical distribution plan.

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21-23. Ice Manufacture, Ice Storage, and Cold Storage

50X1 [] no information on ice manufacture, ice storage or cold storage in the city.

24. Transit Service

50X1 Public transportation in Makhachkala was limited to buses and taxis. [] no idea of the number of these vehicles in service, bus and taxi routes, terminals or other factors associated with transit service. He claimed that he never used any form of public transportation in the city.

25-26. Explosive Storage and Storage Areas for Munitions

50X1 [] did not know anything about explosive storage and storage areas for munitions which may have been located in Makhachkala and vicinity.

27. Hospitals

50X1 [] no information on hospitals in the city, their type, capacity or location.

28. Building Potential (That is, Billeting Potential)

50X1 [] had no conception of the term "billeting potential." Explanation proved fruitless since his comprehension of detailed matters was almost nil. He felt that the entire population of Makhachkala could be evicted from its homes in order to provide troops with billets. When asked what the people would do after eviction, he answered that they would have to do as best they could on their own. [] he had no knowledge of large hotels or similar establishments in the city.

29. Bakeries, Restaurants and Commissaries

a. Bakeries

50X1 Although he insisted that bread was plentiful at the various stores in Makhachkala, [] not give the location of any bakeries.

b. Restaurants

50X1 [] of large, expensive restaurants in the city, but stated that he never patronized one because of high prices. He earned 400 rubles per month, and an evening at one of the better restaurants would have cost him about 35 rubles. The majority of the working class in Makhachkala patronized local eating establishments called "Zabegalovki" (a slang expression for a place where one went in, downed a fast drink and snack, and left). He had no idea as to how many such places existed in Makhachkala.

c. Commissaries

50X1 [] the GASTRONOM's (Gastronomicheskii Magazin - Food Store), where all types of food were sold, were scattered throughout the city. He knew of no central food supply base or warehouse which supplied the GASTRONOM's.

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Meat which could be purchased at the local bazaars and in local meat shops, was not handled under sanitary conditions. [] it was normal in summer to find a side of beef completely covered with flies.

30. Laundries and Baths

a. Laundries

As far [] knew, there was no commercial or central laundry point in the city.

b. Baths

[] the majority of homes in Makhachkala were without baths. He felt that a cause of this was the inadequacy of water distribution. [] a community bath available to workers at his factory. At the bath house clothing was turned over to a disinfection point where fleas were exterminated. Bathers were required to supply their own soap and towel, but hot water was plentiful. Men and women utilized the same bath house, their baths being separated by a thin wall.

31. Police Functions and Equipment

No detailed breakdown of the local militia could be furnished [] 50X1
[] During his residence in the city, he encountered the following types of police functions (he believed that each function was controlled by a department within the police force):

a. Traffic control

Patrolmen located at crossings where traffic was heavy.

b. Street patrols

Checked theaters, bazaars and other congested places.

c. Criminal investigators

Checked murders, robberies and other criminal offenses.

d. Censorship and subversive literature control

Searched homes for anti-government literature and censored mail.

e. Registration and documentation

Registered all persons in the city and issued personal identity documents.

[] no police data and could not give an estimate of the personnel on the police force.

32. Police Stations, Jails, Prisons, Barracks, and Checkpoints

[] not know the location of the main police station in Makhachkala. He heard that the city had been broken into precincts and said that he visited a precinct [] when he was 16 years old, to obtain his identity document (passport).

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Each precinct station had a block of detention cells in which suspects could be detained for a maximum of 30 days. He heard that there was also a prison in the city, but he could not give its specific location. According to rumors, there were about 3,000 prisoners in this prison. It was guarded by members of the OKRA (Otdel Kontr Razvedki - Counterintelligence Unit). No other information.

33-34. Special Police-Controlled Areas and Other Police Controls

50X1 [] had no knowledge of special police-controlled areas or of other police controls in Makhachkala.

35-38. Fire Department, Water Supply for Fire-Fighting, and Effectiveness

50X1 [] never had an opportunity to observe the Makhachkala fire department in operation and could offer no details on its make-up and personnel.

39-41. Civil Defense, Headquarters Posts and Adequacy of Equipment

50X1 [] had no knowledge of the existence of a civil defense agency in Makhachkala. He did not know of any headquarters posts or civil defense equipment.

42-45. Shelter, First Aid Station, Evacuation Plans, and Emergency Communications

50X1 [] no knowledge of shelters, first aid stations, evacuation plans or other civil defense measures that may have existed in Makhachkala.

46-48. Workers Employed in Major Industries, Source of Raw Materials and Markets

50X1 No information on major industries, raw materials or markets could be given []

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